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LPC Conservation Program	States Covered	Plan Manager	Program Description	Eligibility
Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) Range-wide plan (RWP)	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS	WAFWA http://www.wafwa.org	The RWP is a voluntary conservation strategy that establishes a mitigation framework which is administered by the WAFWA for the purpose of allowing plan participants the opportunity to mitigate any unavoidable impacts of a particular activity (e.g., oil and gas, wind, transmission) on the LPC and provides financial incentives to landowners who voluntarily participate and manage their property for the benefit of the LPC. Plan participants (impacters) receive incidental take coverage for development activities and landowners who enroll generate credits to offset development activity impacts. Landowners receive incidental take coverage for management practices that benefit the LPC including but not limited to prescribed grazing, burning and brush management.	Private companies (e.g., oil and gas, wind, transmission) and landowners may participate.
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Working Lands for Wildlife, Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative (LPCI) with Conf Opinion/4d rule	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS	USDA-NRCS	LPCI is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to landowners and operators for enhancing and maintaining LPC habitat in high priority areas and reducing threats to the species. The primary focus for the LPCI is upland wildlife habitat management. LPCI participants can receive technical and financial assistance for a number of actions including brush management, prescribed grazing, prescribed burning, range planting and restoration of habitat.	Private landowners may enroll in the LPCI.
USDA Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS		CRP is a voluntary program that allows eligible landowners to receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to remove land from agricultural production and establish vegetative cover for the term of the contract. Contract terms are for 10 to 15 years.	Private landowners may enroll in CRP.
Common Ground Capitol Programmatic Rangewide Conservation Bank (Pending)	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS		If approved, the programmatic conservation bank would provide a means for landowners and industry to purchase permanent credits to offset take that has been authorized through the 4(d) rule (e.g., the RWP), a section 7 Biological Opinion or section 10 incidental take permit.	Target completion date April 2014. Landowners and industry may participate.
Great Plains Wind HCP (pending)	OK, NM, TX, CO and KS	Wind Energy Whooping Crane Action Group (WEWAG) (17 wind energy companies) http://www.greatplainswindhcp.org/	If approved, would provide incidental take coverage for wind development activities. Covered species include the whooping crane, LPC, interior least tern, the piping plover and potentially other listed species.	Target completion date 2015. Following permit issuance, participation could occur by participating wind companies as long as the permit is valid.
American Habitat Center HCP/CCAA (pending)	OK, NM, TX, CO, KS and portions of NE	American Habitat Center http://lepcstakeholderstrategy.com/	If approved, energy developers, agricultural operators, and other developers can voluntarily enroll and may receive incidental take coverage through a permit issued by the Service to offset development impacts by funding conservation actions on private lands to benefit the LPC. Landowners may voluntarily enroll in the plan to benefit the LPC and generate credits to offset development activity impacts of plan participants (impacters).	Target completion date Dec 2014. Following permit issuance, private companies and landowners may participate as long as the permit is valid.